Shortcomings in implementation of Family Planning Programmes in States

1844. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that shortcomings in the implementation of various family planning programmes at the State level have come to the notice of the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what steps have been taken by Government to make various family planning programmes more effective at the State level?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Implementation of family welfare programme by the States is constantly appraised, major problem areas identified and appropriate strategies adopted. The strategies adopted include promoting greater community participation at all levels; increasing demand for contraception through improved communication approaches; expansion and quality improvement of out-reach services; intensification of population education activiteis; improved programme management; reorganisation and streamlining of delivery system; launching universal immunization programme to enhance child survival; starting a campaign for increasing the age of marriage; optimising utilisation of infrastructure, staff and services, etc.

Universal immunisation programme

1845. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Universal Immunisation Programme has been launched by Government;

(b) whether some Districts of Orissa have been included in this programme; and

(c) if not, by when the scheme is likely to be extended to Orissa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Two Districts of Orissa namely Puri and Cuttack, have been included in this programme during 1985-86.

Plea for opening of an open University in Maharashtra

1846. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted any proposal to the U.G.C. for the setting up an open university in that State; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra has referred a proposal to establish an Open University in the State to the UGC alongwith the project report. The Commission has agreed in principle to the proposal and has advised the State Government that while enacting the Legislation they should keep the provisions of the Indira Gandhi National Open University Act as well as the provisions of the UGC Act, in view.

Modernisation of Railway during Seventh Plan

1847. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds proposed to be allocated to Railways during the Seventh Five Year Plan for modernisation of the Railway System and procurement of more wagons and other rolling stock;

(b) whether some financial assistance is also being sought from the World Bank for the above purpose; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI

MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Modernisation is a continuous process, and in the Seventh Plan an allocation of Rs. 12334.30 crores has been made for the Railways. This will cover procurement of more wagons, and other rolling stock.

(b) and (c) There are 2 ongoing credits/loan viz. (i) 1299-IN/Loan 2210 for US dollar 400 million and (ii) Loan 2417 for dollar 280.7 million. The former Credit/loan covers: (a) Diesel Component Works, Patiala; (b) Components for freight wagons; (c) A. C. Electric Locomotives; (d) Unit Exchange System; (e) Fuel Conservation and Train Operation. The latter loan 2417 covers: (i) Railway Electrification (ii) Workshop Modernisation including maintenance depots etc. etc. Bank's assistance to railway projects does not increase Railways' plan, allocation as Bank's assistance comes to central pool of resources.

Reimbursement of medical expenses to D.T.C. employees

1848. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the Delhi Transport Corporation are entitled to reimbursement of medical expenses;

(b) if so, what is the total amount paid to the employees of DTC on account of reimbursement of medical expenses during the last three years, years-wise;

(c) what is the maximum amount an employee was paid during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether some bungling in this scheme in the DTC has come to the notice of Government;

(e) if so, what steps Government have taken to check the said bungling; and

(f) whether it is proposed to have some hospital for the benefit of DTC employees or attach the employees of DTC with some good hospital in Delhi for medical facilities and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) and (b) About 36,000 employees and their families are presently availing of medical facilities, which include reimbursement of medical expenses as also medicine through empanelled chemists/doctors since 1-5-1984. Prior to 1-5-84, the employees were entitled for reimbursement of medical expenses on a limited scale. The amount paid towards medical expenses of the employees during the last three years is as follows:—

Year	Amount
	Rs.
1982-83	44, 03, 216
1983-84	73, 23, 797
1984-85	9, 15, 91, 840

(c) In view of the large number of employees covered under the Scheme individual accounts are not available with DTC.

(d) Instances of misuse of the medical scheme have come to the notice of the Corporation.

(e) Wherever any excess billing or irregularity is detected the doctors/chemists are depanelled and appropriate departmental disciplinary action taken against the employees.

(f) No decision has so far been taken in this regard.

Construction of hospital on Ring Road near Wazirpur Depot

1849. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to construct a hospital on Ring Road, opposite the DTC Wazirpur Depot for the benefit of residents of Pitampura, Shalimar Bagh and other colonies in the vicinity;

(b) whether it is a fact that land was also earmarked for the said hospital;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the proposal for the construction of the said hospital has been abandoned;